

ALLIED SHIPS AWAITING EITEL FRIEDRICH OFF VIRGINIA CAPES

Britain Informs U. S. German
Auxiliary Cruiser Has No
Chance of Escape—Asks
That Neutrals Be Taken Off.

Officials Think Vessel Will Be
Interned—President Is Told
Sinking of American Craft
Was Unjustified.

English and French warships
notified by wireless as soon as
the German raider, Prinz Eitel
Friedrich, dropped anchor in
Hampton Roads, already are
gathered outside the capes await-
ing opportunity to smash the Ger-
man armored liner.

If the German commander per-
sists in his intention to make re-
pairs, and proceed, the chances
are he will hardly more than poke
the nose of his ship across the
three-mile line before the watch-
ing warships open fire.

In the opinion of officials here
it would be nothing less than sui-
cide for the Eitel to attempt to
leave Hampton Roads, and for
that reason it is now believed she
will be interned.

That England expects the Eitel to
be destroyed if she leaves Newport News
is indicated by the intimation con-
veyed to the United States by the Brit-
ish ambassador that all but German
subjects should be taken off the steamer
before she is permitted to put to sea.

Ambassador Spring-Rice, informally
told Secretary Bryan and Counselor
Lansing that there was not the slight-
est chance of the Eitel getting five
miles out to sea before she is seen, and
he declared that this Government would
be acting only a humane part in taking
over all who desire to leave the com-
merce destroyed.

Latest reports received here indicate
that there are three British and one
French cruiser close at hand waiting.

Because of this fact officials are in-
clined to believe that the Eitel will be
interned. Captain Boy-Ed, the German
naval attaché, is at Newport News, and
he will have the final say as to whether
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FACTORY WILL MAKE RITTMAN GASOLINE

Secretary Lane Announces Pri-
vate Enterprise Will Build
\$250,000 Plant.

Secretary of the Interior Lane an-
nounced today after the Cabinet meet-
ing, that private parties had agreed to
erect a \$250,000 factory to manu-
facture gasoline under the new meth-
od discovered by Dr. Walter G. Ritt-
man, of the Department of the Interior.

Under this process, it is expected
that users of gasoline will be able to
get the product at half the present
cost.

Hoard Discovered After Seventy Years

"Shin Plasters," Chewed by Rats
and 1842 Pennies Found
in Ruins.

Says U. S. Has Taste Of German Piracy

British Press Declares Sinking of
Frye Makes America Realize
Germany's Course.

LONDON, March 12.—The British
press today expressed the view that the
sinking of an American vessel by the
Prinz Eitel Friedrich will "bring home
to America a realization of Germany's
piratical course."

"Anxious have now had brought
home to them in practical fashion what
Germany's piratical practices mean to
neutrals," says the Evening Standard.

"The Prinz Eitel Friedrich's captain
decided that the William P. Frye's cargo
was contraband and then acted in the
manner the world now expects from
Germany."

"But it is yet to be proven that the
cargo was intended for the British
army. Washington, doubtless, will have
a strong say in the matter. An old
treaty between Prussia and the United
States pledged both countries to the
policy that neutral ships, even if carry-
ing contraband, are not to be sunk. The
captain of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich
will find all his statements to come out
of the controversy with clear hands."

BERLIN PUTS BLAME ON EITEL'S CAPTAIN

German Government Angered by
Sinking of Frye—Attributed
to "Unfortunate Zeal."

AMSTERDAM, March 12.—The Ger-
man government regards the sinking of
the American ship William P. Frye
by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich as en-
tirely unwarranted, according to dis-
patches from Berlin today.

The news has created the most pain-
ful impression in official circles at Ber-
lin. A strong protest is expected from
Washington, though none has yet been
received.

This protest, when it is made, will be
met in a most conciliatory spirit, and
Germany will assure the Washington
Government that Captain Thierichsen
acted solely upon his own responsibility,
the Berlin dispatches assert.

Officials insist in ascribing the act to
the "unfortunate zeal of an excitable
captain."

Berlin was astounded when the re-
port first arrived from America. Until
a short time ago reports had been re-
ceived indirectly from the Prinz Eitel
Friedrich, but these contained no men-
tion of any attack upon a neutral ship.

It was assumed that Captain Thierich-
sen was raiding only enemy mer-
chantmen.

The Berlin press has not yet been
permitted to mention the incident. The
government is reported to be preparing
a statement which will throw responsi-
bility for the act upon the Friedrich's
captain. Meanwhile Count von Bern-
storff has been asked for a complete
report on the Friedrich's activities.

LIVED LIKE BEGGAR, HUTCHINS WROTE

Son Offers Letter as Evidence
in Contest Over Disposal of
Vast Estate.

A letter by Stilson Hutchins, million-
aire and newspaper founder, in which
he complained that he had "lived like a
beggard for two months," was read to-
day in the trial of the contest over his
estate, valued at \$4,000,000.

Justice Anderson in Criminal
Court No. 2, by his elder son, Walter
S. Hutchins, to whom it was ad-
dressed.

The contents of the letter, which was
written in London on July 25, 1905,
termed to business deals in Washington
which had been pending when the mil-
lionaire went to Europe three months
before Mr. Hutchins' death. The letter
did not contain details of certain
transactions, and added that his
financial affairs had kept him in a fer-
vorous state of anxiety.

Testimony by the son today regarding
his father's departure for Europe on
April 23, 1905, developed evidence of fur-
ther testimony existing between the wit-
ness and Mrs. Rose Keeling Hutchins,
third wife of his father. He said that
he "admittedly" learned that his father
and Mrs. Hutchins were to leave Wash-
ington at midnight on the same date, as
he had been informed, and that he op-
posed the plan of his father leaving the
United States at that time. He said
that he sent word to Mrs. Hutchins that
he would take such steps as necessary
to see that his father before he departed
America.

"I will not be asked by your threats,"
was the message Mrs. Hutchins sent
to him, according to Mr. Hutchins.

Before the elder Mr. Hutchins left
for New York to sail for Europe, how-
ever, Mr. Hutchins wrote Justice An-
derson a letter in which he said that
he sent him a telephone message that he
would accompany his father to the Eu-
ropean station. He said he did so, but
from 1904, until 1906, he never was per-
mitted to see his father while his step-
mother was present.

Assistant Secretary Peters Rushes to See D. F. Malone

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
Peters, in charge of the customs divi-
sion, left Washington hurriedly to-
day for a conference with Dudley Field
Malone. He would not disclose the
purpose of the visit, but declared that
he had nothing to do with the German
ships in New York harbor, or the main-
tenance of neutrality. The Secretary
will return tomorrow. He had a con-
ference here with Collector Malone
yesterday.

CITY BEGINS ITS TAX FIGHT WITH MEETING

Representatives of Big Civic
Bodies Gather at University
Club for Conference.

PLANS TO BE DECIDED UPON

Meeting To Be Held Behind
Closed Doors to Encourage
Free Expression of Feeling.

Representative citizens and business
men of Washington, the spokesmen for
practically all of the civic organizations
in the city, assembled at the University
Club this afternoon in an initial con-
ference to outline the position the District
will take before the joint Congressional
committee named to investigate the
half-and-half controversy.

Former Commissioner H. R. F. Mac-
farland, chairman of the conference, an-
nounced that the gathering would be
held behind closed doors to encourage
a free expression of opinion.

Mr. Macfarland said this afternoon's
conference probably is the forerunner of
others which will be held before the
beginning of the investigation.

Representatives of the Chamber of
Commerce, Board of Trade, Federation
of Citizens' Associations, and Committee
of One Hundred went into the confer-
ence with the object of reaching an
agreement whereby the various civic
organizations here may present a united
front when the inquiry opens.

To Meet On Monday.

The joint investigating committee,
comprising Senators Chilton, Salisbury,
and Weeks, and Congressman Rainey,
Cooper, and Gaud, will meet Monday
morning at the office of Senator Chilton
to determine when the half-and-half
investigation shall begin.

The legislators at that time also ex-
pect to announce tentative plans re-
garding the scope of the inquiry and
the kind of information wanted. Mem-
bers of the committee are individually
of the opinion that the resolution under
which they will operate precludes con-
sideration of such matters as suffrage
and a different form of government in
the District, and that their labors must
be confined strictly to the fiscal ar-
rangements of the existing fiscal arrange-
ment.

It is expected that the conference of
Washington business men will result in
the formation of a program whereby
there will be co-operation with the com-
mittee in order to have a long
drawn-out inquiry devoted to the pre-
sentation of cumulative and extraneous
testimony.

"Our conference is preliminary prob-
ably to others," said Chairman Mac-
farland. "We want a free interchange
of ideas, and from this we hope to
bring unanimity of action in present-
ing our cause to the committee. The
resolution limits the inquiry to the
fiscal relations between the District and
Federal governments, and tax-
ation is to be considered. I take it, only
in the abstract. I know of no one who
wants to interfere with the District's
matters into the investigation, which
is limited to a study and report on the
existing fiscal relations."

Co-operation Needed.

Mr. Macfarland said he and others are
prepared to impress upon the confer-
ence the importance of concerted ac-
tion and a clear-cut presentation of the
District's case.

What the committee wants, and what
the District citizens will attempt to fur-
nish, will be the subject of the confer-
ence, according to Harry Bulkley, pro-
moter of the proposed transportation
service.

He said that the return trip to George-
town would be either by the same route
or through L. or N. street and Massa-
chusetts avenue.

A jitney bus service will not be run
south of Sixteenth street owing to the
prevailing herd transportation on that
thoroughfare, but a route will be se-
lected either in fifteenth or seventeenth
streets that will serve the territories
White House, State, War, and Navy
and other buildings in upper Pennsylv-
ania.

Mr. Bulkley and his associates are
giving their attention today to proposed
suburban routes, endeavoring to select
streets that will serve the territories
most needing transportation service.

Redfield Declares
It's a Good Letter

Asks Why There's a Fuss Over
"To Whom It May Con-
cern" Note.

Concerning the "to whom it may con-
cern" letters, said to have been borne
by Charles W. Ferguson and signed by
President Wilson and regarding which
Harris "rats" were asked to discuss it,
Secretary of Commerce Redfield said
today:

"I do not understand that there is
desire on anybody's part to deny the
existence of such a letter. It is a good
letter, at least as it reads in the news-
papers. I should have been glad to
have written it. What's all the fuss
about? It is not even a real tempest
in a teapot."

"Whether or not Mr. Ferguson had
such a letter I personally do not know.
I did not obtain it from the President
for him but there would be nothing
strange about the President giving him
the letter. As I said before, it is a
good letter."

"Mr. Ferguson is at present on a
three months furlough at his own re-
quest."

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Sr., Dead After a Long Illness

Oil Magnate's Wife Succumbs
At Home With Only Sister
And Daughter Near.

HUSBAND AND SON IN SOUTH

Take Special Train as Soon as
They Hear of Death—Fun-
eral Arrangements Delayed

NEW YORK, March 12.—Mrs. John D.
Rockefeller died at Pocantico Hills to-
day.

The wife of the Standard Oil magnate,
who was seventy-five years of age, had
been ill for more than a year, suffering
from anemia and other ailments due
to age.

She was precariously ill for a time
last summer.

Neither John D. Rockefeller, nor his
son, John D. Rockefeller Jr., were home
when Mrs. Rockefeller died. They are
now on their way back to New York
from Miami.

Those at her bedside when death
came were Mrs. Rockefeller's sister,
Miss Lucy Shelman, and her daughter,
Mrs. E. Parmelee Prentice.

Mr. Rockefeller was notified by wire
at once and a message from him said
that he and his son were taking a spe-
cial train at once.

They are expected to reach Pocantico
Hills tomorrow night. Meantime all
funeral arrangements will be held in
abeyance.

Last October the Rockefellers cele-
brated their golden wedding anniversary
here. Mrs. Rockefeller having a period
of good health. She grew worse later
in the winter.

Caused Tax Fight.

Early in the summer it was Mrs.
Rockefeller's ill health which caused the
allotting to postpone his usual winter
return to New York from Forest Hills,
the Rockefeller Cleveland estate.

As a result, under an Ohio law, as he
had lived in Cleveland for seven months,
he was declared a resident of Cuyahoga
county. Officials now are attempting to
collect taxes on \$30,000,000 worth of the
millionaire's stock and bond holdings.

On Tuesday, a spring-like day
here, Mrs. Rockefeller's health was so
improved that her physician, Dr. Cary
T. Grayson, U. S. N., physician to the
President, Dr. A. M. Fauntleroy, and
Dr. E. H. Old.

The operation was performed by Dr.
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of the case, and Dr. Old administered
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was placed upon the operating table.

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McAdoo, the Secretary's married son,
who is in the Government service in
Washington, was at the hospital with
Mrs. McAdoo all morning, as were Mrs.
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daughter, and Miss Helen Woodrow
Wilson, a daughter of Mrs. McAdoo. No
others were permitted to see the Sec-
retary today.

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of the new hospital building has many
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cess of the operation was telephoned
to the White House immediately upon its
completion.

The Secretary passed a comfortable
night and awoke early this morning in
a cheerful frame of mind for the ordeal.
He is in good spirits and is expected
to be able to walk about the grounds
around him. He was taken to the op-
erating room on the fourth floor, shortly
before 10 o'clock. He had a wound
and a handkerchief for wife and son
before going upon the table.

Because of his excellent physical con-
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mation of friends and inquirers, Mr. Mc-
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Governor of Illinois Told Marine
Institutions Will Not Be
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Marine hospitals at Chicago and
Cairo, Ill., cannot be opened to "dope
fiends" seeking relief or cure from
the habit following the passage of the
antiharbolic law.

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hospitals had been opened to drug
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county, Missouri, in 1844.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS OF MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S LIFE

The late Mrs. John Rockefeller, sr., was born in Cleveland, Ohio,
seventy-five years ago.

Before her marriage she was Laura Celestine Spelman. Her father
was a merchant of that city.

She met John D. Rockefeller while still a child; was his first sweet-
heart and married him in September, 1864.

They set up housekeeping in Cleveland immediately and had four
children, three daughters and a son.

They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1914.

Mrs. Rockefeller shunned all publicity and devoted herself to hus-
band and home.

She always wore the plainest of clothing. She disliked automobiles
and took her drives in a horse drawn carriage always.

Was greatly disturbed by criticisms of her husband but her faith in
him never wavered.

She was very strict in matters of religion and was charitable, but did
all philanthropic work through her husband and son.

She had been in failing health for a long time.

M'ADOO OPERATION IS SUCCESSFUL

"Normal Condition Prevails,"
Says Bulletin From the At-
tending Surgeons.

Secretary of the Treasury William
Gibbs McAdoo was successfully op-
erated on for appendicitis at Providence
Hospital shortly after 10 o'clock this
morning.

"The operation was entirely satisfac-
tory," and "a normal condition ob-
tains," according to an official bulletin,
issued after the operation had been
concluded and the Secretary was com-
fortably in bed. Mrs. McAdoo was at
his bedside.

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U. S. CITIZEN MURDERED IN MEXICO CITY BY ZAPATISTAS

Brazilian Minister Reports
Commander Has Promised
Punishment—Carranzistas
Evacuate Capital.

American Government and Red
Cross Attempt to Relieve
Food Situation, But Car
Shortage Prevents.

Secretary of State Bryan an-
nounced today the killing of an
American citizen in Mexico City.

John B. McManus, a former
resident of Chicago, was shot
down in his home by Zapatista
soldiers entering the capital, and
his home looted, according to dis-
patches received at the State De-
partment from Senor Cordova,
the Brazilian minister at Mexico
City.

Vigorous demands have already
been made for the punishment of
those responsible. The Zapatista
commander has already promised
to punish the offenders not later
than this afternoon.

JUSTIFICATION ALLEGED.

The Zapatista soldiers justify their
action on the ground that on the oc-
casion of the last evacuation of Mexico
City by the Zapatistas, McManus shot
and killed three soldiers who were at-
tempting to enter his house, according
to the report from the Brazilian min-
ister, representing the United States
in Mexico.

The dispatches from the minister con-
tain the first official confirmation re-
ceived in Washington of the evacuation
of the capital by the Carranza forces.

It would also appear that General
Obregon, the Carranza commander, ig-
noring the demands of the President
and States, left the capital without leaving
any guard to protect Americans or other
foreigners, or without giving them an
opportunity to leave the city ahead of
his troops.

The killing of McManus and of the
Spaniards was reported to the Presi-
dent by Secretary Bryan at today's meet-
ing of the Cabinet. Pending the fulfillment
of the Zapatista commander's promise
to punish the slayers of the American,
it is assumed that no further represen-
tations will be made.

Punishment Promised.

The Brazilian minister describes Mc-
Manus as a highly respectable busi-
ness man formerly of Chicago, but
does not say what business he was in or
whether he was married. The first of
his dispatches was received at 8:30
o'clock this morning. It stated that, on
learning of the incident, he reported the
matter at once to General Barona, the
Zapatista commander, who promised to
investigate.

Barona added, according to the min-
ister, that when his troops were leav-
ing Mexico City the last time, some of
the soldiers tried to break into the
American's home and that the latter
had shot and killed three of them. A
later dispatch quoted the post com-
mander of the Zapatistas as promising
to bring the slayers of McManus to jus-
tice this afternoon, thus indicating that
the commander had identified the of-
fenders.

Minister Cordova stated that, owing
to the conflict of stories, it was impos-
sible to say whether McManus or the
Mexicans lived the first shot. The body
of the American was riddled with bul-
lets.

There was some looting in the suburbs
of Popotla, said the Brazilian diplomat,
but no general disorders.

At the time the message was sent, it
was stated, the municipal council was
in control and good order prevailed.

The Food Shortage.

Secretary Bryan, before going to the
Cabinet meeting, expressed satisfaction
over the progress being made in the ef-
forts to persuade Carranza to keep rail-
road communication open between Vera
Cruz and Mexico City. Food shipments
into Mexico City to relieve the famines
will be resumed shortly, he believes.

Official reports also say that there
has been serious rioting, that four
prominent Spaniards and one Svede
have been killed, that the city is in
distress through lack of food, and that
famine stalks among the populace.

The American Government and the
American Red Cross are showing an
earnest desire to relieve the food short-
age. General Carranza has been asked
to turn over cars enough to transport
provisions from Vera Cruz to the capital.
But the Carranza authorities are
showing either inability to maintain
communications with Mexico City unim-
paired or lack of desire to maintain
them.

The United States has had little co-
operation from other nations in its ef-
forts to get foreigners out of Mexico
City. The embassies and legations very
frankly declare that their citizens are
earnestly desiring to relieve the food short-
age, but the United States has pro-
hibited other nations handling the Mexi-

NEW CUTTERS TO BE LAUNCHED APRIL 20

Plans Made for Christening of
Coast Guard Boats, Ossipee
and Tallapoosa.

The new coast guard cutters Ossipee
and Tallapoosa, under construction at
the yards of the Newport News Ship-
building and Dry Dock Company, will
be launched April 20.

The two new cutters will be of about
90 tons displacement each, and will be
of the most approved type for coast
guard duty. The Ossipee will be fitted
for burning coal, while her sister ves-
sel will burn oil, that being the most
economical fuel for cruising in the Gulf
of Mexico.

Necessary apparatus for rendering as-
sistance to vessels in distress and for
destroying derelicts. They will each
have a large cruising radius, as the na-
ture of their duties will require that
they be able to keep at sea for long pe-
riods of time. The armament will be
similar to that of all other coast guard
cutters, and will consist of a battery of
six-pound rapid fire guns.

New Salvadorean Envoy.

The State Department was advised to-
day that Rafael Zaldivar had been
named Salvadorean minister to Wash-
ington.